

for bread, meat, and education. Let us quit our sins, abandon extravagant living, and we will sing no more "hard times,"—*Christian Standard.*

HOME MISSION CALL.

To the Brethren of Pa:—What is the matter? The more we talk mission the less money. While I have received money from McKee and from Johnstown and Jones Mills, in all about \$21, not one cent of it belongs to this conference year, and we have debts to the amount of upwards of \$150, part of which we pay interest for. We have already notified one of the men in the field that we can not be responsible for any further demands on M. B. for services from him after Sept. 30th. Must we do so with the others and let the work done go for naught, or will the brethren come to the rescue with the means to help us out. With the best of crops over the country and business reviving in the manufacturing districts, we ought to do the most we have ever done in the work without any special effort from conference, but doubly so when we consider those efforts. What will we do? We await your contributions. Let them come soon and liberal or the work must suffer. Who will heed? What will the answer be?

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Our Bible School.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

PSALM CIII.

Subject: "The Lord's Benefits."

- a. The chief thought is, "Bless the Lord."
 - b. Who are to bless the Lord?
 - 1 My soul. v. 1 and 22.
 - 2 Angels. v. 20. Heb. 1: 13, 14.
 - 3 Ministers. v. 20.
 - 4 All the works of God. v. 22.
 - c. What are we to bless him for?
 - 1 Forgiveness of sin. v. 3. Read v. 12 and Isa. 1: 18.
 - 2 Healing of diseases. v. 3. Mark 16: 17, 18; Ex. 15: 28.
 - 3 Redemption of life from destruction. v. 4. Psalm 91: 11, 12.
 - 4 Loving kindness and tender mercy. v. 4.
 - 5 Food. v. 5. Jas. 1: 17.
 - 6 Help against the oppressor. v. 6. Mal. 3: 5.
 - 7 Mercy and grace. v. 8. Read v. 11.
 - 8 Slowness of anger with us. v. 8. Read v. 9.
 - 9 Indulgence. v. 10. Ps. 130: 3.
 - 10 A father's pity. v. 13.
 - 11 Remembrance of our weakness. v. 14.
 - 12 The over-ruling power and right-

eousness of God's kingdom. v. 19. John 16: 33.

Man is God's only created thing that doesn't love to praise him. What ingratitude.

d. Does God love to have us thank him for his blessings?

Does it help us to be thankful for his benefits? Are you thankful for his blessings to you?

CHRISTIAN WORKERS AND THE BIBLE.

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I think the time has come to sound a warning in no uncertain tone in regard to the Bible. On all sides we hear people complaining of the spread of infidelity, and of the difficulty of keeping young people in the church. If Sabbath-school teachers and Christian workers in general believed more firmly in the Old Book, and proclaimed their belief, we should not have so much cause for complaint.

Childhood is the best time to train one in the Bible. Verses and lessons learned in early years are seldom erased from the memory. It is often the *only* time for such training. When a boy goes to school, and from school to college or into business, he has other studies and duties to occupy his attention, and unless he has previously been grounded in the Word the deficiency can hardly ever be made good. The training that Timothy received is what is needed to-day: "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures." Scholars catch the spirit of their teacher, and whether the teacher is a firm or a lukewarm believer in the Bible the class will grow up with the same spirit.

A soldier is not worth much in battle if he has any doubts about his weapon, and I have never found a man who has doubt about the Bible, who has amounted to much in Christian work. When a teacher or minister uses his penknife on the Bible, clipping out this and that part because it contains the supernatural or something he cannot understand, his teaching is sure to produce a crop of infidels.

It has come to be quite common among Sabbath-school teachers to say, "We don't care for the Old Testament. We will confine ourselves to the gospel, that is, the New Testament." Jesus Christ quoted from no less than twenty-two out of the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament. He connected the story of Jonah and the whale with his resurrection, the stories of Noah and of Lot with his return. In a hundred ways he set his seal upon the Old Testament. Shall the servant be above his Master?

This is one reason why I think quarterlies and lesson leaves ought to be used with great discretion. No matter how

young children are, they should be taught that the Bible is one book, that the Old Testament is one with the New. In many Sabbath-schools you will find classes that have not a single Bible amongst the scholars; the result is that boys and girls are growing up without knowing how to handle the Bible. At the age of seventeen I went to Boston. One day I went to Sabbath-school, and somebody handed me a Bible and told me that the lesson was in John. I hunted all through the Old Testament but could not find it. The teacher saw my embarrassment and handed me his Bible. I put my thumb in the place and held on. Why is it that boys don't want to go into Bible classes? Because they don't want to show their ignorance. They ought to be taught how to handle the whole Bible, and it can be done by teachers taking the Bible into the class and going about it at once.

You can study the Bible for yourself and for others. Everyone should have four ears and four eyes—two for themselves and two for other people.

Very few Sabbath-school teachers think of studying the Bible for their own good. They study the lesson in order to give it to their classes, which of course is very proper; but they do not feed upon it for their own souls. If we want a real quickening, we must get the Word into our own hearts, and then "out of the abundance of the heart" the mouth will speak.

I pity any man or woman who has to depend on helps and commentaries all the time. What the world wants to-day are men and women who can feed themselves and afterwards break the Bread of Life to others. It is remarkable how little light commentaries shed on the deeper meaning of Scripture. Use them by all means so far as they go, but depend rather on the Holy Spirit. It is his office work to lead you into "all truth." Remember the promise of our Lord: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall *teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*" Rouse yourself to the study of the Bible and ask God's help. He will not withhold it.

I close with the same thought with which I began. Believe the Bible, the whole Bible, with every fibre of the body. Not a mere verbal faith, but a faith that shows itself in your life. This is the only sure foundation for a healthful Christian character. Your influence over your scholars will then help to check the dry rot of unbelief which, they say, is rife among young people.

Truth is not a verdict.